

public reaffirmation of our Nation's strong commitment to control cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4205

Pan American Day and Pan American Week

April 7, 1973

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Eighty-three years ago the International Union of American Republics was established, the forerunner of the Organization of American States. There have been differences among the member nations in those eighty-three years, and some of these differences continue today. But far more significant is the fact that, despite dramatic changes and our great cultural and political diversity, the members of the hemispheric community have maintained and strengthened our common forum in a general climate of friendship and understanding.

It is an intangible force which forms the basis of solidarity among the Americas—a combination of idealism and realism and a capacity to grow and adjust with the times. The Organization of American States is the focal point of this force, a place where cooperation rather than confrontation strengthens the common ties shared by the nations of the hemisphere.

This unity of the Americas is based on respect for the historic personality of each of the countries of the Americas and demands a mutual understanding and respect for each country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 14, 1973, as Pan American Day, and the week beginning April 8 and ending April 14 as Pan American Week, and I call upon the Governors of the fifty States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and appropriate officials of all other areas under the flag of the United States to issue similar proclamations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4206

Nicolaus Copernicus Week

By the President of the United States of America

April 10, 1973

A Proclamation

Nineteen hundred seventy-three marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of Nicolaus Copernicus (Mikolaj Kopernik). This brilliant son of Poland distinguished himself as an economist, physician, mathematician, theologian, soldier, and statesman. But above all, it was his inspired work in astronomy and his theories about the place of the earth in the universe that marked him for greatness and precipitated the flowering of modern science.

In a world of darkness, his only weapons were the light of learning and devotion to truth. The daring, imagination, reason, discipline, and versatility of Copernicus led mankind to a brighter age. It is fitting that we pay tribute to him on the anniversary of his birth, and that we remind ourselves how much a single man, dedicated and unafraid, can do to extend knowledge and enrich human consciousness. This anniversary should also serve to remind us that the study of science is one of man's noblest pursuits.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in consonance with House Joint Resolution 5, do hereby designate the week of April 23, 1973, as Nicolaus Copernicus Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to join with the Nation's scientific community, as well as that of Poland and other nations, in observing that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.

